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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Roger MASSEY
Serial no. : 09/585,222
Filed : June 1, 2000
For : BAR-STOCK BALL VALVE
Group Art Unit : 3754
Examiner : D. Austin Bonderer
Docket : GEMVAL P15AUS

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed March 29, 2001, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Drawings:

Please add Fig. 9 which is a flow diagram consistent with claim 4 and the corresponding subject matter added on page 6. No new matter has been added.

In the Specification:

Replace pages 3, 4 and 6 with the following clean amended pages. Marked-up copies of these pages are attached showing the amendments made. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

The objection raised to claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is overcome by the corresponding addition to page 6 and new Fig. 9.

Valves that feature bodies machined from either hot or cold drawn metal bar, having either circular cross sections or sections formed as regular polygons are commonly referred to